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To whom it may concern:

I find it absolutely abhorrent that our government officials find it once again "necessary" to **gouge** property owners **AGAIN** with the recent increase in property taxes. It is obvious to so many that our government continues to **mishandle and misuse** the funds that come into the government, time and time again. Every time we turn around the government yells, "**we don't have enough money.**" That is absurd and a constant misappropriation of funds once again!!!!!!

What do you want from the people of Hawaii? My husband and I have lived here in Hawaii for the last 30 years and we have heard every excuse imaginable as to why a new tax needs to be incorporated, it is our government misusing its authority. There are many who have lived in Hawaii and who hope to retire someday but how can anyone do that when at any given moment's notice our representatives/government want to raise taxes again and again, always using any and all means to give excuses to the people of Hawaii as to why and all along those of us who have followed what is going on over the years, remember each and every time. I am sure you know that Hawaii has been rated one of the highest cost of living in the United States and why????? Again, it is obvious why.....just for this very reason.

It's outrageous that our property taxes would **more than double!** Just because the real estate market has gone simply out of control, it is not **RIGHT** that those of us who do not plan to sell are **penalized** by this increase in property values. And did our government officials decide to raise taxes this year because our property values have, in some cases, doubled over the past 5 years and look to be devaluing soon with the real estate market slowing down?

I'm ashamed that our representatives and Mayor continue to waste taxpayer's money and then increase our taxes to make up for the so-called budget deficit and lack of insight on their part to account for taxpayer monies spent.

Mayor Hanneman and our representative, you made a lot of promises to us at election time and we are losing faith in your ability to make Hawaii a place to live with fair and reasonable increases. It is necessary that you find a way to relieve our property taxes and taxes in general! Someone needs to go to bat for their constituents regarding this exorbitant tax increase and I'm hoping you will take a real hard look at the way the government is run here in Hawaii. This state has an overflow of people working within the government and we need to cut government spending not increase our already stranglehold of taxes, please set an example and do something about this!

Aloha nui loa,

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